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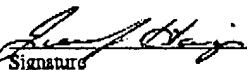
## RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2002. By this Response, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of all presently-pending claims is respectfully requested. A Conditional Notice of Appeal is also being filed concurrently herewith to be entered only if the examiner makes a determination that no claims are allowable. Applicant hereby request a telephonic interview with the Examiner after the Examiner has had a chance to consider this Response.